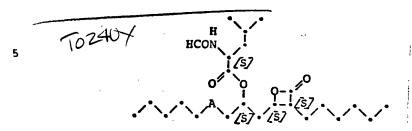
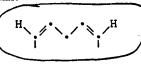
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1. A compound of the formula



wherein A is the group H or -(CH₂)₅-.



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2. The compound of claim 1, (2S,3S,5S,7Z,10Z)-5-[(S)-25]

formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7,105

hexadecadienoic acid lactone.

3. The compound of claim 1, (2S,3S,5S)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-hexadecanoic acid lactone.

A pharmaceutical

A pharmaceutical composition comprising

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wherein A is the group or $-(CH_2)_5-$; and

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b) 5% to 95% of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier material, said composition being formulated in a unit dosage form.

- The composition of claim 4 wherein said composition is formulated in an oral unit dosage form.
 - 6. The composition of claim 5 wherein said oral unit dosage form is a tablet, dragee, capsule, solution, emulsion or suspension.

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7. The composition of claim 4 wherein compound I is (2S, 3S,5S,7Z,10Z)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7,10-hexadecadienoic acid lactone.

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8. The composition of claim 4 wherein compound I is (2S, 5 | 3S,5S)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3 hydroxy-hexadecanoic acid lactone.

9. A method of treating obesity in an afflicted mammal 20 comprising administering to the mammal a compound of the formula

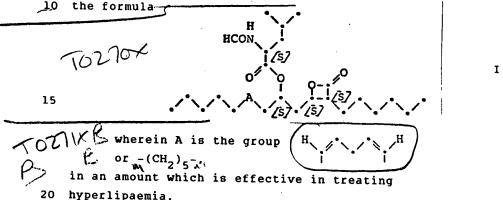
HCON (5) (5) (5) (5)

or W(CH₂) 5w)

in an amount which is effective in treating obesity.

35 10. The method of claim 9 wherein compound I is (25, 35,55,72,102)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7,10-hexadecadienoic acid lactone.

- The method of claim 9 wherein compound I is (2S. 3S,5S)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3 hydroxy-hexadecanoic acid lactone.
 - The method of claim 9 wherein compound I is administered in a daily dose of about 0.1 mg to 100 mg/kg body weight of the mammal.
 - A method of treating hyperlipaemia in an afflicted mammal comprising administering to the mammal a compound of



20 hyperlipaemia.

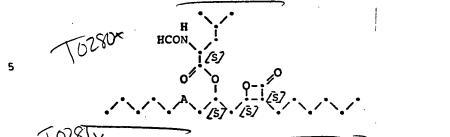
The method of claim 13 wherein compound I is (2S, 3S.5S.7Z.10Z)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7,10-hexadecadienoic acid lactone.

- The method of claim 13 wherein compound I is (2S. 3S.5S)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-/hydroxy-hexadecanoic acid lactone.
- The method of claim 13 wherein compound I is 30 16. administered in a daily dose of about 0.1 mg to 100 mg/kg body weight of the mammal.

A method of preventing obesity in a mammal comprising 17. administering to the mammal a compound of the formula

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or $\sqrt{(CH_2)_{5\overline{\sim}}}$, in an amount which is effective

The method of claim 17 wherein compound I is (28. 15, (3S.5S.7Z.10Z)-5-[(S)-2-Formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7.10-hexadecadienoic acid lactone. B

> The method of claim 17 wherein compound I is (25,35,58)--5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy--hexadecanoic acid lactone.

20. The method of claim 17 wherein compound I is administered in a daily dose of about 0.1 mg to 100 mg/kg 20 body weight of the mammal.

A commercially-produced foodstuff/comprising a compound of the formula

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HCOM or -(CH₂)₅,

admixed with a material suitable for consumption.

35 22. The foodstuff of claim 20 wherein compound I is (2S. 3S.5S.7Z.10Z)-5-[(S)-2-formamido-4-methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-7.10-hexadecadienoic acid lactone

23. The foodstuff of claim 20 wherein compound I is (25, 35,55)-5-[(5)-2-formamido-4 methyl-valeryloxy]-2-hexyl-3-hydroxy-hexadecanoic actal lastone.

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